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KOVATCH, William J.
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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE September 29, 1971

FULL NAME William J. Kovatch
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)
ADDRESS 2205 W. Baker Street
CITY Plant City STATE Florida ZIP CODE 33566
AGE 29 (This is important and should be exact)
APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)
RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY Hungarian
OCCUPATION Radio - T.V. Repair Service
EDUCATION High School - Vocational
WEIGHT 145 COLOR Caucasian HEIGHT 5'1"
COLOR OF HAIR Sandy COLOR OF EYES Blue
OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Left leg crippled - limps
MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN None
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)
WIFE'S NAME N/A

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
733	Plant City, Florida	SA			8/1/71

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Charges filed with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department by parents.
Sufficient evidence gathered during investigation to list as child
molestor by the Sheriff's Department. See attached statement.

Signed A. L. Rosen
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Sanford Ridge

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October 5, 1971

Mr. Alfred L. Rogers
Scout Executive
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

Personal and Confidential
Re: William J. Kovatch

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet and the enclosed correspondence concerning William J. Kovatch. This is exactly the type of material we require for our Confidential File and we appreciate your efforts in getting them for us.

We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have Mr. Kovatch's name deleted from our records. This information will be most important in the future, should this man ever again attempt to register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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Dear Sir:
On July 24, 1971
and July 25, 1971
Scout Troop # 733
attended a camp out
on a camp site near
the Alifan River.
To my knowledge
it appeared we were
short one tent. Our
tents sleep two
boys. Friday morning
Mr. Bill Kovatch,
Assistant Scout
Master advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and we he
would sleep with
us in our tent
Friday night.
[REDACTED] and I had
laid out our sleeping
blankets and were
lying on them when
Mr. Kovatch entered
with his blanket,
laid it out and also
laid down on it.

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Incidentally We Were
All fully clothed.
He immediately
reached over to
me ([REDACTED])
and proceeded to
rub my penis
for about 30 minutes.
He rubbed my penis
and nearly all other
parts of my body.
He stopped rubbing
me turning to
[REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] proceeded to rub
his penis. Being
very ashamed
and embarrassed
I turned away
so as not to see
them. I do not
know if [REDACTED]
body was ever
exposed during this
time. I can only
say at no time
was my body

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Rubbing my Penis
Again still through
my clothing. He asked
me if it felt good
I was too afraid to
answer so I said
nothing. This rubbing
continued for 5-6 miles
until we got a block
or so from my home
then he stopped.
He drove to my
home met my
mother she thanked
him for bringing me
home.

I was so disturbed
over the situation
I did not tell my
mother until Aug 16, 1971
when I refused to
go back to the
Scout meeting and
she questioned me
as to why.
Moms truly,



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exposed to Mr.
~~Howatch~~
on Saturday July
25 1971 I needed
a ride to my home
and asked Mr
Bouthiller our Scout
master to drive me
home. Mr Howatch
said he would I got
in the back seat
and another scout rode
in the front seat.
We dropped the other
boy off about 6 or 7
miles from my home.
~~After driving about~~
~~a block~~ Mr Howatch
told me to get in
the front seat. I
did not want to
but was afraid not
to so I did. We
drove about a block
longer and again
Mr Howatch reached
over and started

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August 27, 1971

Mr. Alfred L. Rogers
Scout Executive
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

Personal and Confidential
Re: Eugene Prettyman and
William Kovatch

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed are the two forms you requested to place the above men on the Confidential File.

In addition to these completed record sheets, we will need a complete report on both situations, including written statements, newspaper clippings or a copy of the police record. These are necessary in order to support our placing these men on the file, and we will greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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Enc. Record Sheets.

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August 20, 1971

Personnel Division
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Sirs:

Please send two copies of the forms for reporting personnel to be put on the confidential file of the Boy Scouts of America. We have two cases which apparently warrant some action.

Mr. Eugene Prettyman, Scoutmaster of Troop 396, Tampa, Florida, has abandoned his family to run off with another woman, has taken with him troop funds, and has apparently ordered candy in the name of the troop with no approval of the troop committee, the sponsoring institution, or fund raising approval of the local council.

William Kovatch, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 733, Plant City, Florida, charged with child molesting.

When we have received these forms, we will complete and forward them. We feel that Prettyman will make every attempt to get active in Scouting wherever he has disappeared to. Mr. Kovatch is still in Plant City. The troop and the sponsoring institution have been informed and are taking appropriate action for that specific unit.

Sincerely,

A. L. Rogers
Scout Executive

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MEMBER AGENCY: Bartow, Hernando, Tampa, Lakeland, Lake Region, Plant City UNITED FUNDS

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